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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Vernon G. WONG and Frank KOCHINKE

Serial No.: 09/160,635

Filing Date: September 24, 1998

For: IMPROVED FORMULATION FOR
CONTROLLED RELEASE OF DRUGS BY
COMBINING HYDROPHILIC AND
HYDROPHOBIC AGENTS

Examiner: E. Webman

Group Art Unit: 1617

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commission for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003 (Paper No. 26) for which a response was due on July 16, 2003. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a one (1) month extension of time to extend the period for response up to, and including, August 16, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Claims 10, 13, 15-20, 22-25, 28-29, and 34-43 were pending in this application. Claims 19, 20, 22-25, 28, and 29 are allowed, and claims 10, 13, 34-40, and 43 stand rejected variously under 35 U.S.C. §102, and 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 15-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise said to contain allowable subject matter. In this Response, no claims have been added and no claims have been cancelled. Claims 34 and 43 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 10, 13, 15-20, 22-25, 28, 29, and 34-43 are currently under consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the Application is hereby respectfully requested.